

## ABSTRACT

An embodiment of the present invention is a business process shared services system and method for improving business operations by collaboratively managing operational support services, functions and/or resources. This is accomplished by employing a collaborative shared services business system strategy containing some of the key business model advantages of shared service functions, outsourced services, collective approach, cooperatives, and mutual funds. The collaborative shared services business system (System) is engaged in managing business support operations, functions, services or resources at a lower cost and higher performance to maximize profitability. Under this system a for-profit business entity, which is shareholder-owned, professionally manages the collaborative shared services and provides desired business operational support services to their customers at lower costs, while providing for lower taxes; better performance; share in profits through dividend distributions, and/or deductible benefits resulting from operational efficiencies; and increased velocity of cash flow.